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Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application is a CIP of Stanton, U.S. Application serial No. 09/596,033, filed June 15, 2000 entitled GENE SEQUENCE VARIANCES IN GENES RELATED TO FOLATE METABOLISM HAVING UTILITY IN DETERMINING THE TREATMENT OF DISEASE which is a CIP of Stanton, U. S. Application 09/357,743, filed July 20, 1999, entitled GENE SEQUENCE VARIANCES WITH UTILITY IN DETERMINING THE TREATMENT OF DISEASE, which is a CIP of International Application PCT/US99/16440, filed July 20, 1999, which is a CIP of Stanton, U. S. Application Serial No.09/357,024, filed July 19, 1999, entitled GENE SEQUENCE VARIANCES WITH UTILITY IN DETERMINING THE TREATMENT OF DISEASE, which claims the benefit of Stanton, U. S. Provisional Application 60/093,484, filed July 20, 1998, entitled GENE SEQUENCE VARIANCES WITH UTILITY IN

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